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The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the refusal to enter the Amendment After Final, and avoid an appeal. The cited art does not disclose the claimed combination with this "unique" requirement.

Moreover, the Examiner is requested to at least enter that portion of the amendment that places previously "objected to" claims in independent format, and in a condition for allowance.

The Final Office Action was mailed June 4, 2002, making the final deadline for an appeal and petition, Dec. 4, 2002.

The undersigned invites the Examiner to call if any verbally authorized amendments or discussion will advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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